Closing of the building of the Indian Asiatic Society in Calcutta

2388. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the building of the Indian Asiatic Society in Calcutta has been closed for repairs;

(b) if so, what alternate arrangement has been made to carry on its work; and

(c) by when the repair work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) and (b) The Library, Museum and Archives have been closed and lectures and seminars in the Society Hall discontinued with effect from 1st March, 1986. Other than the above activities, the Society is carrying out its normal functions including research and academic activities. Alternate arrangement could not be made for storing books and archival documents of the old building for lack of extra accommodation elsewhere.

(c) The repair work of the building is expected to be completed by the end of June, 1986.

Combination of antibiotics with corticosteriods

2389. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that combination of an antibiotic with another antibiotic or antibiotics with corticosteriods or other active substances are being marketed in our country;

(b) if so, the names of all such combinations allowed for marketing in our country;

(c) whether it is a fact that such combinations are prohibited in a number of countries;

(d) whether there is any proposal to withdraw such combinations in the country; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There are combinations of antibiotic with another antibiotic marketed in India. However, manufacture and sale of fixed dose combination of steriods with other drugs for internal use except for the treatment of asthma is prohibited.

(b) As licences for manufacture and sale of formulations are granted by the State Drug Control Authorities, we do not have names of all such combinations marketed in the country.

However, combinations of antibiotics with antibiotics such as combination of Chloramphenicol and Streptomycin for the treatment of infective diarrhoea and combination of Ampicillin and Cloxacillin for the treatment of mixed severe infections are marekted in the country.

(c) we do not have information whether such combinations marketed in the country are prohibited in other countries.

(d) and (e) There is as yet no proposal to withdraw such combinations in the country.

Killer Drug in vide Usage

2390. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in 'Indian Express' of 27th December, 1985 under the caption "Killer drug still in vide usage";

(b) whether it is a fact that tandril, zolandin, sugarnil, butazolidin, butacoate are being marketed in our country;